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AAO/GLAO COUNCIL POSITION OPEN!

AAO Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA):

Members of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists serve as our representative to all Councils of the AAO. Dr. J. Martin Palomo will conclude his term as the GLAO Representative to the COSA in 2023. The GLAO Leadership is seeking interested and qualified candidates beginning their term in April 2023. **If you are interested in serving the GLAO in this capacity, please submit a letter of interest and CV to the GLAO office GLAO@AssnOffices.com, by **February 15, 2023**.** The GLAO Board will make this appointment in March 2023 at the Ad Interim Board Meeting.

If you have any questions about this council position, please contact Dr. J. Martin Palomo (jmp5@case.edu) or the GLAO office (GLAO@AssnOffices.com). Thank you for your consideration!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- All members of the councils must be active members in good standing of the American Association of Orthodontists with the exception that council members who are reclassified as retired while serving their elected term shall remain eligible to complete such elected term.
- The primary professional activity of representatives may be in the private practice or in orthodontic education.

TERM:

- The term of office of members of councils shall be two (2) years.
- Individuals are eligible for reappointment, by the GLAO, with a maximum of 3, two-year terms (6 years).

DUTIES:

The duties of the Council on Scientific Affairs shall be to:

- a. Encourage and sponsor the advancement of orthodontic research;
- b. Recommend such awards for achievement in the field of orthodontic research as established by the AAO;
- c. Organize and maintain a research section at the AAO Annual Session.

AAO RESPONSIBILITIES:

- COSA meets twice a year – once in January via video and conference call, and once in person immediately prior to the AAO Annual Session (usually held on Friday after the Society of Educator's Conference).

- COSA is responsible for the following AAO research awards: Milo Hellman Research Award; Harry Sicher Research Award; Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit; Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Awards; and the Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Awards (for Table Clinics).
 - Each year COSA members evaluate up to 30 written manuscripts for the Hellman/Sicher/Graber Award. This is done from the end of October to the middle of December.
 - Each year COSA members evaluate up to 40 Resident Scholar poster presentations at the AAO Annual Session.
 - Each year COSA members evaluate Table Clinic presentations at the AAO Annual Session.

- COSA also determines what Oral Research, Posterboard and Table Clinic applications are presented at Annual Session.
 - Each COSA member shares responsibility for evaluating submitted Oral Research Abstracts, Posterboard abstracts, or Table Clinic applications. Usually, over 150 Oral Research applications are received, close to 400 Posterboard applications and about 70 Table Clinic applications. These are reviewed from the end of October to the beginning of December.

- COSA members distribute council responsibilities at the AAO Annual Session. These activities include moderating oral research presentations, evaluating Resident Scholar Award poster presentations and evaluating Table Clinic presentations.

- COSA reviews relevant orthodontic literature for the AAO website.

GLAO RESPONSIBILITIES:

- GLAO Council Members are required to attend and participate in AAO Council meetings.

- GLAO Council Members are required to attend the GLAO Ad Interim Board Meeting (a Friday through Saturday meeting held in March) and the GLAO Annual Board Meeting (held in conjunction with the GLAO Annual Session in the fall).

- GLAO Council Members are required to provide a written report (via email) for the GLAO e-News (produced quarterly) and GLAO Board Meetings (Ad Interim and Annual Meeting).

- Council members must have a laptop computer with internet access, as GLAO meetings are paperless.

- Council members must utilize email as a primary tool for communication and be responsive.

- GLAO Leaders are required to complete the following: conflict of interest annual disclosure, antitrust policy annual compliance, diversity training.

ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES:

- It is important to have knowledge of the workings of both the GLAO and AAO if you are to be effective in this council position.

- The learning curve on all councils is at least a year or two before one becomes familiar with the function and purpose of that council.
- This council has very busy periods where several abstracts of all different types of research topics need to be evaluated and graded. Experience with reviewing research methodology and manuscript is essential in this council. Members must be willing to read and review a fair amount of material throughout the year. It's critical that all Council members regularly read email from AAO staff so that deadlines are met.